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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 11-20, 23, 26-32, 34, 36 and 44-55 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 11-20, 23, 26-32, 34, 36, and 44-55 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-7, 11-20, 23, 26-32, 34, 36, and 44-55 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, Claims 1, 2, and 17-18 drawn to a polypeptide.

Group II, Claims 3-7, 12-13, drawn to a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide.

Group III, Claims 11, 31, 32, 34, drawn to an antibody to a polypeptide.

Group IV, Claims 14-15, drawn to a method for detecting a polynucleotide by hybridization.

Group V, Claims 16, drawn to a method for detecting a polynucleotide by amplification.

Group VI, Claims 19, drawn to a method of treatment using a polypeptide.

Group VII, Claims 20, 23, 27 drawn to a method for identifying a modulator of a polypeptide's activity.

Group VIII, Claims 26, drawn to a method for identifying a binding partner of a polypeptide.

Group IX, Claims 28-29, drawn to a method for identifying a modulator of a polynucleotide's expression.

Group X, Claims 30, drawn to a method for diagnosing a disease using a antibody.

Group XI, Claims 36, drawn to a method for making a polyclonal antibody to a polypeptide.

Group XII, Claims 44, drawn to a method of detecting a polypeptide using an antibody.

Group XIII, Claims 45, drawn to a method of isolating a polypeptide using an antibody.

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Group XIV, Claims 46 and 48-55, drawn to a microarray comprising polynucleotides.

Group XV, Claims 47, drawn to a method of generating an expression profile of polynucleotides.

For each of Inventions I-XV above, restriction to one of the following is also required under 35 USC 121. Therefore, election is required of one of Inventions I-XV and one of the sub-Inventions listed in (A)-(O).

If Group I is elected, elect one of:

(A) One of the polypeptides listed in Claim 1

If Group II is elected, elect one of:

(B) One of the polynucleotides listed in Claims 3-5

If Group III is elected, elect one of:

(C) One of the polypeptides listed in Claim 11

If Group IV is elected, elect one of:

(D) One of the polynucleotides listed in Claim 14

If Group V is elected, elect one of:

(E) One of the polynucleotides listed in Claim 16

If Group VI is elected, elect one of:

(F) One of the polypeptides listed in Claim 19

If Group VII is elected, elect one of:

(G) One of the polypeptides listed in Claim 20

If Group VIII is elected, elect one of:

(H) One of the polypeptides listed in Claim 26

If Group IX is elected, elect one of:

(I) One of the polynucleotides listed in Claim 28

If Group X is elected, elect one of:

(J) One of the antibodies listed in Claim 30

If Group XI is elected, elect one of:

(K) One of the polypeptides listed in Claim 36

If Group XII is elected, elect one of:

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(L) One of the polypeptides listed in Claim 44

If Group XIII is elected, elect one of:

(M) One of the antibodies listed in Claim 45

If Group XIV is elected, elect one of:

(N) One of, or one specific combination of, the polynucleotides listed in Claim 46

If Group XV is elected, elect one of:

(O) One of, or one specific combination of, the polynucleotides listed in Claim 47

The inventions listed as Groups I(A)-XV(O) do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical feature for the following reasons. The technical feature linking Groups I(A)-XV(O) appears to be that they all relate to enzymes that affect the phosphorylation state of proteins. However, enzymes that affect the phosphorylation state of proteins, kinases and phosphatases, were well known in the art. Moreover, Christie et al, 1999 teaches the biologically active fragment of SEQ ID NO: 2, consisting of residues Ala²⁹¹-Gln²⁹², which anticipates Claim 1. Therefore Groups I(A)-XV(O) share no special technical feature as defined by PCT Rule 13.2, as it does not define a contribution over the prior art. Furthermore, the products of Groups I-III and XIV do not share a special common structural and functional feature while, the methods of Groups IV-XIII and XV do not use the same reagents or produce the same results. In addition, the methods of Groups IV-XIII and XV do not comprise all of the methods for making or using the products of Groups I-III and XIV. Accordingly, Groups I(A)-XV(O) are not so linked by the same or a corresponding special technical feature as to form a single general inventive concept.

Restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper because all these inventions listed in this action lack unity of invention for the reasons given above and there would be a

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serious search and examination burden if restriction were not required because one or more of the following reasons apply:

(a) the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification;

(b) the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art due to their recognized divergent subject matter;

(c) the inventions require a different field of search (for example, searching different classes/subclasses or electronic resources, or employing different search queries);

(d) the prior art applicable to one invention would not likely be applicable to another invention;

(e) the inventions are likely to raise different non-prior art issues under 35 U.S.C. 101 and/or 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of an invention and sub-invention(s) to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse. Traversal must be presented at the time of election in order to be considered timely. Failure to timely traverse the requirement will result in the loss of right to

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petition under 37 CFR 1.144. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which of these claims are readable on the elected invention.

Should Applicants traverse on the ground that the inventions are not patentably distinct, Applicants should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

The examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. Where applicant elects claims directed to the product, and the product claims are subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder. All claims directed a nonelected process invention must require all the limitations of an allowable product claim for that process invention to be rejoined.

In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103 and 112. Until all claims to the elected product are found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained.

Withdrawn process claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowable product claim will not be rejoined. See MPEP § 821.04(b). Additionally, in order to retain the right to rejoinder in accordance with the above policy, applicant is advised that the process claims should be

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amended during prosecution to require the limitations of the product claims. **Failure to do so may result in a loss of the right to rejoinder.** Further, note that the prohibition against double patenting rejections of 35 U.S.C. 121 does not apply where the restriction requirement is withdrawn by the examiner before the patent issues. See MPEP § 804.01.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

To insure that each document is properly filed in the electronic file wrapper, it is requested that each of amendments to the specification, amendments to the claims, Applicants' remarks, requests for extension of time, and any other distinct papers be submitted on separate pages.

It is also requested that Applicants identify support, within the original application, for any amendments to the claims and specification.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheridan L. Swope whose telephone number is 571-272-0943.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F; 9:30-7 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Nashed can be reached on 571-272-0934. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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